

**Virginia Health Reform Initiative
Insurance Taskforce Teleconference Meeting
September 22, 2010 9:00-10:00am
MINUTES**

Public Call In: 1-877-664-7391
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Welcome: Cindi Jones, Director Virginia Health Reform Initiative

For any interested parties, comments can always be sent to VHRI@governor.virginia.gov

Agenda for Meeting:

Overview of VHRI

Describe Framework for reports

Have co-chairs describe what is next step and process for October meeting

Before us is an opportunity to offer an alternative state model for Virginia's Health Reform Initiative. Going beyond federal reform and meet the needs of Virginians and contribute to the economy. Members have been asked to commit time until December 2010, at that time we will be able to identify what Virginia needs to do in order to move forward and get work accomplished.

Key Question: Where are we going and what is the end product?

Four Questions to inform report:

1. What do we know? (See charge statements and Aug 21st presentations)
2. What do we need to know? (Discussion today to determine what information and presentations are needed for October)
3. What are opportunities and challenges (Will receive information in October)
4. What choices does Virginia need to make and what is the plan in each of the six taskforce areas?

Turn over to co-chairs:

- Important to be aware of all stakeholders involved. Must sure that they get to the taskforce in order to display their concerns and ensure that the products delivered are truly a benefit to the people of the Commonwealth
- Also important to build framework while understanding that the thought process will shift as regulations and guidance are issued from the Federal Government.

Issues: What do we need to do for General Assembly Session 2011?

How do we view our state in regards to the Health Information Exchange?

Thoughts on where we stand and what we need to do:

- Group needs to ensure deliverables are targeted and pointed. Deciding this will help frame the work of the taskforce.
- Need to understand the authority of the Bureau of Insurance (BOI) and what they need in order to support the work they are setting out to do.
- We know that BOI will need statutory authority. What is that authority, specifically?
- Need to determine what the options are for where the exchange will be housed and who will play various roles (BOI, DMAS, etc.)
- Need to identify what we know from Patient Protection Affordable Care Act (PPACA), as it refers to Insurance, and then how Virginia is analyzing and identifying these options.
- What are the exact purposes for the exchange? We don't want to duplicate systems that are already in place. Huge broker communities already providing many of these same types of services.
 - How do we work public/private?
 - What does the exchange have to do?
- What is the impact of health reform initiative for local community health and other populations. (This will be addressed in both Medicaid and Service Delivery taskforces)
- Currently, BOI can approve forms and necessary items that will go in place for insurance reforms (PPACA); however, there is a lack of the ability to enforce. Will need regulatory authority to begin enforcing.
- How is the exchange intended to help the affordability crisis?
- Small business pools, need to identify what they are and if they are an explorable option with the health insurance exchange. We know that this is an option to consider, business in addition to individual exchanges.
- Need to identify Lifetime Limits/Limited Benefits policy mandates and determine if they will be a part of the exchanges as well.
- Need to ensure that exchanges account for healthy individuals as well as those considered being high risk. Will need to look at rules in and outside of the exchange (open enrollment, etc. to ensure folks do not pop in and out)

Closing:

Members: if you have further comments or ideas please feel free to send to VHRI@governor.virginia.gov

Next meeting of Virginia Health Reform Initiative Purchaser Taskforce is October 20th, 2010 9:30-12:30. All meetings at the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) 600 East Broad Street Richmond, VA 23219 in room 7a/b.

Framework: 3 hours

- 1- Talk about and receive presentations identified as needed on September 21, 2010 phone call
- 2- Public Comment (instructions to soon follow)
- 3- Co-chairs will lead discussion and will identify what should be considered by full advisory council meeting.

Thank You: co-chairs, taskforce members, George Mason University,

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